

# Cal OES Daily Situation Report

## October 16, 2015



A county fire helicopter responds to areas inundated with mudflows on Oct. 15, 2015.

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Note: [Report updates are in blue](#)



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# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Mudflows, Kern and Los Angeles Counties**

- A low-pressure weather system absorbing moisture from the south sparked severe weather, mudslides and flash flood watches and warnings across Southern California through this evening.
- As much as 4 inches of rain fell in a short period of time in the affected areas, portions of which were covered with golf ball-sized hail.
- Flash flooding sent water, mud and rocks rushing across Interstate 5 at Fort Tejon, stranding hundreds of vehicles and closing the major north-south thoroughfare. Some secondary roads were left impassable from mud.
- There have been no reports of serious injuries or deaths, as of this report.

## **Activations**

- Kern County EOC is activated at Level 2.

## **Road Conditions and Closures**

Per CHP:

- Northbound Interstate 5 traffic is closed at Frazier Mountain Park
- Southbound Interstate 5 traffic is closed at Grapevine Road
- Eastbound and Westbound Highway 58 between Tehachapi and Mojave is closed

Per Caltrans:

- Estimated time of reopening for all northbound I-5 lanes is 1200 hours. Three southbound lanes are scheduled to be reopened between 1500-1700 hours.
- There is approximately 500' or more of debris on northbound I-5 as deep as 5 feet that needs to be hauled out.
- There are no vehicles reported stuck on northbound Interstate 5.
- The debris on southbound I-5 is across a 1/2 mile or more and there are still dozens of vehicles, including trucks stuck. Work is ongoing to remove debris but it is slowed by the extraction of vehicles by tow services.
- Kern Co. and Fire are assisting with loaders to assist in removing debris.
- A state geologist is being sent out late Thursday evening to assess slopes stability in order to reopen when debris is removed

Per Cal OES Law Duty Officer:

- Highway 58 in Kern County has been closed from Tehachapi to Mojave. Kern County Sheriff's Office estimates that 400 subjects have been displaced. Two hoist helicopters in the area with one extra monitoring the area. There are no search and rescue mission pending. Kern County Sheriff's Office estimates that the roadway will be closed for up to two days.

## **Infrastructure & Utilities**

- Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) main tracks out of service at railroad station Cameron (just south of Tehachapi about 8 miles and 10 miles north of Mojave) due to fears of potential bridge and track washout – yet to be confirmed.
- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) are attempting to assess current track conditions, however, due to road closures and debris on the roadways, CPUC and UPRR are unable to get equipment into their areas.



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### **Inland Region**

- Per the Cal OES Inland Region Duty Officer, Kern County does not have any requests for state assistance at the time of this report
- Mudslides have occurred on Hwy 58 closing the roadway between Tehachapi and Mojave. Students and chaperones from the Arvin School District were cut-off while returning home. Palmdale School District assisted Arvin School district by providing accommodations and meals overnight. The students are expected to arrive in Arvin this evening by taking a detour around the closed section of Hwy 58.

### **Southern Region**

- Los Angeles County Probation Department reported that Camp Mendenhall, a probation camp, was sheltering in place due to a mudslide on Lake Hughes Road. The camp advises that they are self-sufficient and have adequate supplies of water and food.
- Camp Mendenhall reported 49 minor in the camp and 22 minors from Camp Munz. Adult staff is 14 Probation Officers and 12 other auxiliary staff.
- Camp Munz is currently closed due to plumbing upgrade. No minors on premises. Due to facility upgrade all minors were transferred to Camp Mendenhall. Currently on site 15 adults (Probation, DMH, and other auxiliary staff). They have enough food and water and will shelter in place until roads are reopened.
- Los Angeles County does not have any unmet needs or requests for state assistance at the time of this report, per the Cal OES Southern Region Duty Officer.
- Los Angeles County will activate their 211 Disaster Hotline for businesses and residents to report damages. The damage report capability will also be available on their website.

### **Shelters**

#### **Kern County**

- A shelter has been opened west of the slide at Monroe High School, 126 S Snyder Ave, Tehachapi, CA 93561. Population: 140
- A shelter has been opened east of the slide at Mojave High School, 15732 O St, Mojave, CA 93501. Population: 120
- Jacobson High School High School - 711 Anita Drive, Tehachapi, CA

#### **Los Angeles County**

- The City of Palmdale is reporting that the American Red Cross has established a shelter at Marie Kerr Park, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd (address for the Palmdale Amphitheatre), Palmdale, CA 93551.
- Lake Elizabeth Elementary School is sheltering 25 people who were trapped and had to shelter in place.
- A temporary shelter has been opened at the Palmdale Learning Center for displaced Arvin School District students and chaperones, 38043 Division St. Palmdale, CA 93551. This is not an American Red Cross shelter. Population: 140
- Cal OES leaders and 24-hour on call duty officers are gathering information and providing updates as they become available.



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## **Knights Landing Community Services District Well Failure, Yolo County**

- Per Cal OES IDO: Knights Landing Community Services District (CSD) reported a well failure on 10/12/15. This follows a separate well failure several weeks ago. The CSD is now operating on one well. In support of Yolo County and the CSD, Cal OES is coordinating with State Water Board to investigate funding sources to support repairs.
- Yolo County EOC at Level 2 Monday – Friday from 0800-1700 in support of Knights Landing CSD Well Failure.

## **Southern Region Severe Weather Impacts**

- Imperial County - Salton Sea Area - 80 customers will be without power until approximately 1300 hours. Highway 86 is closed to southbound traffic. A couple of power poles experienced lightning strikes and fell across lanes.

## **Cal OES Activation Status**

- The Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) transitioned to Joint Field Office (JFO) operations with FEMA to support recovery operations.

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought
- On 10/15/15 the California State Warning Center (CSWC) received a Drought Continuance from Sutter County.
- On 10/15/15 the CSWC received a Drought Continuance from Merced County.
- On 10/15/15 the CSWC received a Proclamation Continuance from Merced County for the Butte Fire.
- On 10/15/15 the CSWC received a Proclamation Continuance from Calaveras County for the Butte Fire.
- On 10/16/15 the CSWC received a Drought Proclamation from the City of Fort Bragg, Mendocino County

## **Weather of Concern**

- A cutoff low pressure system will remain centered around Point Conception today, maintaining a moist and unstable air mass over the area. Thunderstorms development will be possible this afternoon and evening over the mountains from Santa Barbara County down to Los Angeles County as well as the Antelope Valley. Any thunderstorms that develop will likely be slow-moving, resulting in the potential for flash flooding as well as mud and debris flows. Additionally, any thunderstorms will be capable of producing gusty and erratic winds...hail and dangerous lightning.
- Flash Flood Watches and Warnings remain in effect until 2000 hours this evening for area in Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Bernardino, Riverside, Inyo, San Diego Counties.

## **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:**

[http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php)

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

#### **Eureka Weather:**

One more warm and dry day is expected today. Late tonight into Saturday morning a cold is expected to bring light rain to much of the region along with cooling temperatures. A warming and drying trend can be expected through the middle of next week.

#### **Medford Weather:**

Autumn weather looks to finally arrive to the region as the upper ridge that brought record high temperatures to the area shifts east. A deepening upper level trough offshore brings increasing southerly flow bringing moist unstable air from southern and central California into the east side today across to the west side of extreme northern California Saturday.

#### **Reno Weather:**

A low pressure system drifting across Southern California will bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms today mainly across Mono and Mineral counties. Another low moving inland from the west coast will keep shower chances going through the weekend. Temperatures will cool off to near seasonal normals this weekend, before warming slowly again next week when dry conditions return.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

A few lingering showers are possible this morning as an upper level low slowly lifts northeastward out of our district. The residual moist and unstable air mass left in its wake will result in a slight chance of thunderstorms this afternoon and evening over the elevated terrain of the southern interior. Dry conditions are expected districtwide tonight but then a new weak disturbance approaching from the northwest will again spread light rain chances across the district on Saturday.



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## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:**

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

Cooling with a chance of a few showers over the Sierra Nevada will be possible today. Cloudy with showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms Saturday most of northern California with below normal temperatures. Showers will shift eastward Sunday. Dry with return to above normal temperatures Monday through mid-week.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

A storm system near point conception will track inland and bring showers and scattered thunderstorms to the central California interior. A cold frontal passage may bring additional showers to mostly the higher terrain Saturday along with much cooler weather this weekend.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

#### **Los Angeles Weather:**

Low pressure aloft will bring the possibility of mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms to the mountains and deserts through Sunday. Otherwise fair weather and seasonable temperatures will prevail. For the middle of next week building high pressure and developing offshore winds will bring warmer and drier conditions to the area.

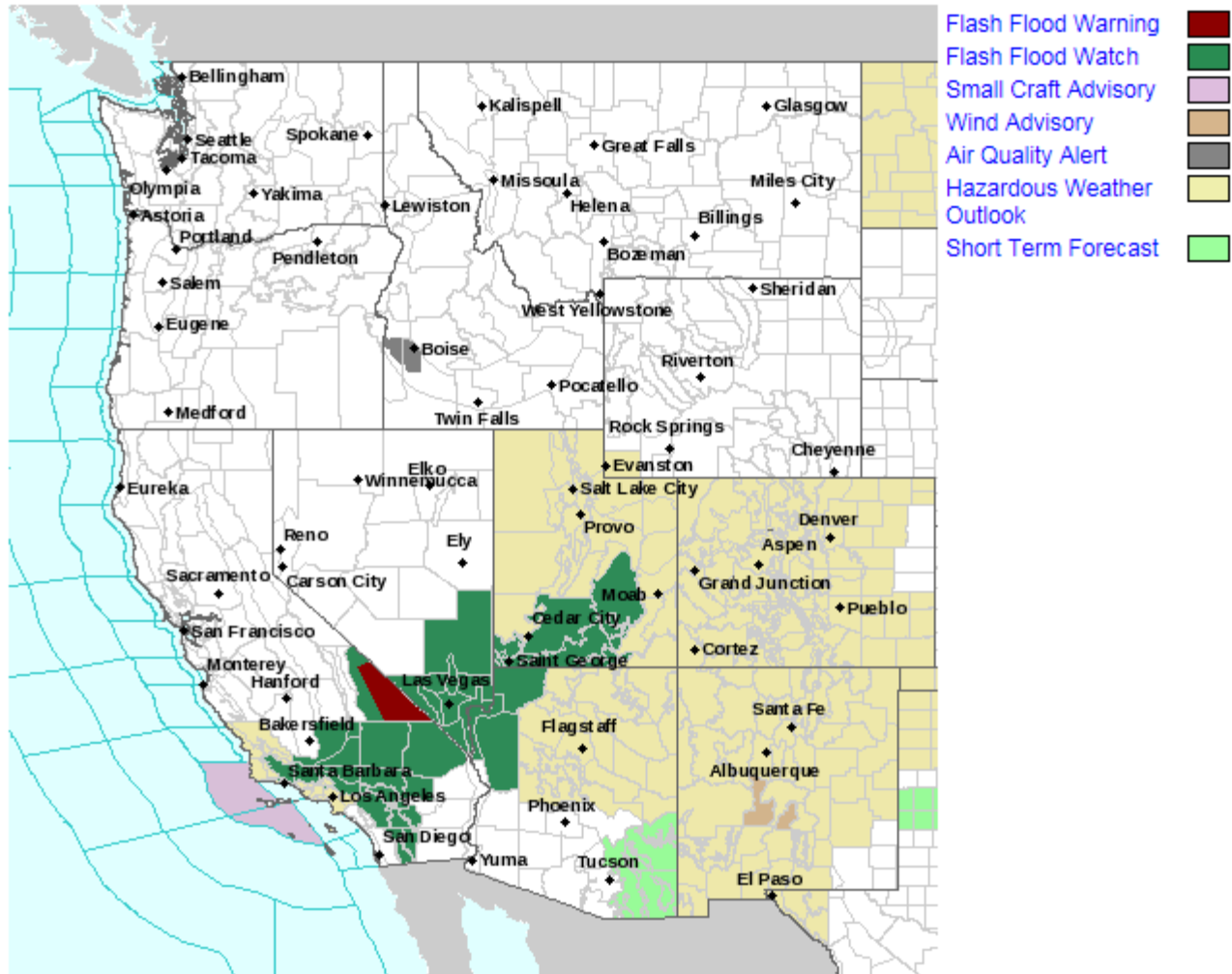
#### **Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

A slow moving upper level low pressure system moving across Southern California will bring a chance of mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms mainly for the mountains and deserts. A second low pressure system from the northwest will continue a chance for showers and thunderstorms for Sunday and Monday.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

A slow moving low pressure system will drift through the desert southwest today through the weekend resulting in an elevated chance of showers and thunderstorms across the region. Precip chances will continue through early next week as a secondary low moves into the area with a drying trend eventually forecast from next Thursday onward.

# STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Oct, 16th 2015 at 11:01:12 am MDT

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA**

### **Cienega, Vegetation Fire, San Benito County**

Location: Cienega Rd. x Lime Kiln Roads, Thompson Creek area, South of Hollister

Jurisdiction: SRA

Start Time: 10/12/15 at 1600 hours

Per CAL FIRE, Cal OES and/or ICS-209 as of 10/16/15 at 0926 hours:

- 670 Acres, 90% Contained
- No current threat to structures or infrastructure

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 3, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC every Monday at 1100 hours.

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## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

### **Local Emergency Proclamations:**

**A total of 61 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:**

- 27 Counties: Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



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